



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 299

February Session, 2008

* SB00299PS 042508 *

AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE ACCESS AND SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Except as provided in sections 14-233 and 14-234, (1) the driver
4 of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same
5 direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not
6 again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of the
7 overtaken vehicle; and (2) the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give
8 way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle and shall not
9 increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the
10 overtaking vehicle. For the purposes of this subsection, "safe distance"
11 means not less than three feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes
12 and passes a person riding a bicycle.

13 (b) No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the
14 highway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the
15 same direction unless the left side is clearly visible and is free of
16 oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such
17 overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering
18 with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite
19 direction or any vehicle overtaken.

20 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 13b-79p of the 2008 supplement to
22 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (22) as follows
23 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

24 (NEW) (22) Improving bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the
25 state transportation system.

26 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) The Commissioner of
27 Transportation shall, within available appropriations and in
28 consultation with groups advocating on behalf of bicyclists, develop
29 and implement a state-wide "Share the Road" public awareness
30 campaign to educate the public concerning the rights and
31 responsibilities of both motorists and bicyclists as they jointly use the
32 highways of this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-232
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	13b-79p(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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